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JAPANESE EATING **MUCH FROZEN FISH**

Pressure of Food Problem Causes Introduction of Big Preserving Plants.

By CLARENCE E. BOSWORTH.

Fish freezing is now being undertaken mendous rise in the cosst of living is causing Japanese officials and business men to give serious attention to conservation of the food supply, and the establishment of three of these refrigerating plants is a striking example of how effectively they are handling the problem. The capacity of each of these plants is about 5,000 pounds daily.

During the warm months fish is plentiful and cheap and has always been one of the staple foods of the people, but during the cold months prices advance several hundred per cent. because of the scanding of the scarcity and consequently only the middle and upper classes can afford it. These plants, which will gradually increase in both number and capacity

wallable in the warmer months of the year. The coast line of the main islands measures more than 17,000 miles and extends from the Arctic Circle to the tropics with favorable cold and warm of prices will shortly be made by the currents along the coasts. Supplement
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fish in salt water, and to trout in the northern rivers and mountain lakes. Oysters are now being raised according

The per capita catch of Japanese fishermen is only about \$35, as compared with \$600 per capita for English fishermen, but there are some 400,000 fishing boats only one in ten of which exceeds

villages. The Japanese Government does not look too kindly upon the operation of trawiers. Before the war there were 148 in use, but all but six of them were sold to European nations to be used as mine sweepers. These boats

seventy in number. nese fishing is the large number of women numbered in the fishing population, the total being 239,041, who supplefrigerating plants will increase the ex-ports of Japanese fish. The plants are all of American origin and are being operated under the advice of American engineers.

To Handle Tasmanian Spelter. Of the 200,000 tons of spelter which increase in both number and capacity as the people become used to frozen fish, have already had an appreciable effect upon the price of fish in some localities and it is expected that they will make it possible for nearly all classes to enjoy their favorite meaf food throughout the year.

Japan' is particularly fortunate in having such a supply of food easily available in the warmer months of the year.

Readjustment in New South Wales in the distribution of the plans being carried out by the Electrolytic Zinc Company's plant at Risdon, Tasmania, which will treat the Broken Hill concentrates formerly exported to Germany, France and Belgium for treatment. it is estimated that the British Empire

measures more than 17,000 miles and extends from the Arctic Circle to the tropics with favorable cold and warm currents along the coasts. Supplementing the natural supply are the fish culture enterprises which have long been a part of Japanese industry and which are now becoming more important.

For hundreds of years the Japanese have carried on the business of fish farming as related to goldfish and carp and the raising of oysters on fagots. This industry has been extended to snapping turtles, eels, salmon and shell-snapping turtles, eels, salmon and shell-snappi



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HAWAII DEMANDS PASSENGER SHIPS

Special Correspondence to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. HONOLULU, T. H., April 15 .- "Where

One of the striking features of Japa- ships in the Pacific and now, instead ment the efforts of 1,965,438 males. Honolulu, is bombarding the United rather than addit it is expected that eventually the restates Shipping Board with facts and for the advance. figures relative to the position of Amer-

ica in the Oriental passenger business. In a comprehensive message recently sent to the Shipping Board the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce calls the attention of that organization to the 117,548,485 ticals (\$43,906,143) in 1918 pitiable position of the American flas to 235,528,587 ticals (\$87,143,727) in in transpacific waters, as compared with that of Japan and Great Britain. The imports) for the year under re-The following interesting table has been prepared by the chamber and trans-mitted to the Shipping Board for its

STEAMSHIPS UNDER BRITISH FLAG.

This list was sent to the Shipping Board as supplementary to a wire which called the board's attention to the fact that all steamers under the American flag are booked far shead for Oriental travel from the States and that there is a long waiting list for accommoda-tions. Attention was called to the fact that the Pacific Mail Steamship Company under date of February 27 had announced that the steamship Colom-bia, salling from Sari Francisco for the Orient August 21, is fully booked and there are now more than 100 passengers on the waiting list for the Ecuador, due

to sall July 24. Hawall has been promised Shipping Board combination passenger and freight vessels by August of this year, but it is not expected that they will be in service much before the end of the year. Congestion in passenger traffic transpactic has been getting worse instead of better since the war, according to the chamber.

Australian News

MELBOURNE—The Ministry intends to infrostuce into Parliament during the present
session a bill to amend the immigration act
of 1912, excluding from admission to the
Commonwea'th of Australia all late enemy
subjects, anarchists, Bolshevists and other
undesirables. The amending bill also provides for deportation under certain circumton and the Chinese Silk Guid have indorsed
to recently formed International Committee cides for deportation under certain circum-tainces of persons of allen origin, as well as for the strict registration of such persons for the improvement of Silk Culture upon their arrival in Australia.

MELBOURNE—Eight and one-half per cent, of the original Ameralian imperial force, or 11,000 men, are still on the military pay roll, according to a statement by Senator Millen, Minister for Repatriation. Of this number my per cent, are invalids. Unemployment among returned soldiers is relatively small?

SYDNEY-Henry Y, Braddon, former Com-missioner for Australia in the United States, has been unanimously elected President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in

MELBOURNE-Gen. Sir William Firstwood and Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Monash, commanders in the Australian army, have received the degree of LL. B. from the University of Melbourne.

MELBOURNE—The Government has formed a committee for the encouragement of Australian literature, which will examine and report upon original works of the year. The converged of those most favorably reported will be purchased by the Government at prices based upon the degree of evelince rather than upon their commercial value.

SIAMESE IMPORTS INCREASE IN VALUE

thirty feet in length, so that the sum Chamber of Commerce Calls Exports Show Jump of 100 total runs well into the millions.

Lately the use of motor boats has become quite common—about 3,000 may now be counted in the various fishing Position on the Pacific.

Commerce Calls Exports Show Jump of 100 Per Cent., Rice Leading Position on the Pacific.

WASHINGTON, May 11 .- While the imports into Siam from foreign countries for the calendar year 1918 established a record value of 101,868,324 ticals (\$37,-691,280 gold), the year 1919 exceeded that record by 30,800,211 ticals -(\$11,ening the scope of her fight for more 691,280 gold), the year 1919 exceeded from United States Vice-Consul Carl C. Hansen, at Bangkok. It is generally admitted, however, that increased prices rather than additional volume accounted

The flaures for the Slamese exports to foreign countries for last year also

The imports) for the year under review included 111,537,779 ticals (\$41. 268,978) worth of general merchandise, of which perhaps cotton goods and consideration:

STEAMSHIPS UNDER AMERICAN FLAG. | metal manufactures were the most important items, the approximate value of the former amounting to 23,000,000 ticals

> Machinery, motor cars and cycles, electrical supplies, petroleum products, leather goods and a great variety of other manufactured articles and foodstuffs were also included in the general the imports for the year consisted of \$600.479 worth of alcoholic liquors, \$5. 586,617 worth of gold leaf and treasure and \$4,408,865 worth of opium.

Among the exports for 1919 rice, as usual, occupied the most important position, in value amounting to 189.997,-250 ticals (\$70,299,020), as compared with 88,558,529 ticals (\$3,276,665) in 1918. The enormously enhanced prices for this foodstuff may be noted from the fact that the volume of rice exported for 1919 exceeded that of 1918 by only 224,700 1.762,480 piculs (1 picul equals 133 1-3 pounds), ampunting to 13,599,133 and 14,000 11,720,078 piculs for the respective

years.

The teakwood exports for 1919 approximated 39,861 tons, valued at \$4,633,858. Excluding rice and teakwood, the total value of the exports of all other Siamese products amounted to \$12,210,850 worth for 1919, the main tems of which were cardamums, fish, gamboge, hides and skins, pepper, pre-cious stones, salt, silk piece goods and various furniture woods other than teak.

Far Eastern Trade Notes

The estimated area in Cochin China under rice for 1919-20 is placed, according to she Hangson Galette, at 11.792,000 acres, as compared to 12.033,000 acres the previous year, and the yield is estimated at 4,943,000 tons, as against, 3,408,000 tons last year.

The number of employees in the factories of Japan were estimated the latter part of 1819 by the Japan Times and Mail at more than a million, in addition to approximately 200,000 workers in the various Government factories and public offices and 35,000 seamen employed by Japanese shipping concerns.

Through the Japan Advertiser it was learned that a project for the amalgamation and systematization of all silk fliatures owned and managed by individuals in Alchi Prefecture was being considered by prominent people interested in the silk industry in Nagoya and other districts of the prefecture, reports Consul H. F. Hawley. The proposed company, organized with a capitalization of \$10,000,000, would take over thirty-one filatures, paying for them either with cash or with shares of the new company.

A small but growing market for wrought iron pipes in Canton and vicinity is reported by Consul General Leo Bergholz, in connection with the opening up of new streets and the construction of new buildings. Wrought black and galvanized iron are used for water supply pipes, which are installed only by the Canton Water Supply Company.

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